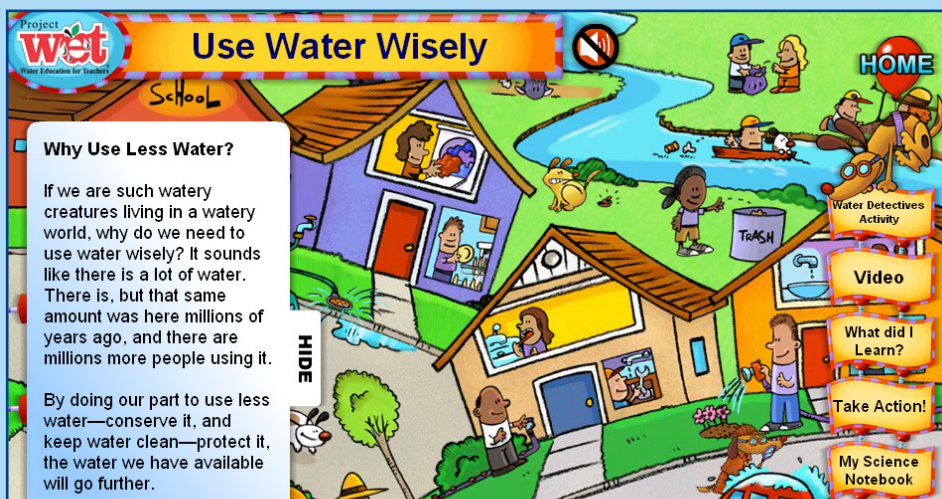


EVERY DROP COUNTS: 33 WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

1. Replace older toilets with water-efficient models.
2. Use a water-efficient showerhead.
3. While brushing your teeth, turn off the water.
4. Add water-saving aerators to your faucets.
5. Collect rain water and use it to water your garden.
6. Turn off faucets tightly.
7. To minimize evaporation, water in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.
8. Compost food waste rather than putting it in a garbage disposal.
9. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full.
10. Take shorter showers.
11. Bathe pets on the lawn.
12. When giving pets fresh water, use the old water for plants.
13. Add food coloring to your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak that needs to be fixed.
14. Don't let the water run while you scrape pots and pans clean. Soak them instead!
15. Instead of running the tap until water gets cold, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator.
16. When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.
17. After you clean your fish tank, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
18. Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for food safety and water efficiency.
19. When washing dishes, fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
20. Wash dark clothes in cold water. It saves water and energy while keeping your clothes vibrantly-colored!
21. Put your used tissues in the trash rather than flushing them down the toilet.
22. If you have a new dishwasher, cut back on rinsing. New dishwashers clean more thoroughly than older ones.
23. Collect the water you use to clean fruits and vegetables; then, use it to water houseplants.
24. Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden. It will remind you when you need to stop!
25. Learn how to shut off your automatic watering system in the event of malfunction or rain.
26. Dump leftover ice from beverages into the soil of a plant.
27. Use a nozzle for your hose that has a shut-off function or turn the hose off when washing your car.
28. Water your plants thoroughly but less often to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
29. On windy days, keep from watering your lawn because the water with either blow away or evaporate.
30. Check outdoor hoses, faucets and sprinklers for leaks.
31. Use a broom to clean your driveway and sidewalks instead of a hose!
32. Spread mulch around the base of plants to retain moisture and save water, time and money.
33. Scrape uneaten food off plates instead of using water to rinse the food down the disposal.

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